

# **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL** **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

## **SUMMARY FOR 02-11-08 THROUGH 03-09-08**

This report documents Andrews International's Bid Security Teams activities through week ten of 2008. We continue both our enforcement of flagrant violations of law and our outreach to the homeless in our constant efforts to improve the quality of life in the BID areas.

We have also addressed problems such as people parking in campers and trailers on streets including Gower and Selma. These people are living in the vehicles and having a negative impact on the surrounding areas. We teamed with LAPD and several arrests and numerous citations were issued. We also spoke to several individuals who voluntarily agreed to move their vehicles. We have made progress and the effort continues.

Graffiti is a major concern at this time, especially in the southern part of the BID area. Several street gangs are vying for supremacy in the general area of Sunset and Gower, Gordon Street and the surrounding area. Involved gangs include 18<sup>TH</sup> Street, the Rebels, Gordon Street Boys, MS, White Fence, and others. Generic taggers are also taking their toll.

We check these areas each morning and photograph any graffiti. We then call Clean Streets and request that they respond and paint over the graffiti. We then provide the photographs to the LAPD Gang Unit so that they can utilize this intelligence to help target these groups. LAPD is very aware of the problem and are also working on this issue.

During this period, our Officers received several radio calls for service at Amoeba Music located at 6400 Sunset Blvd. One call involved a would-be thief who was causing a major disturbance and refusing to leave the location. A crowd was forming and the situation was becoming volatile. Using command presence and some imagination, the Officers were able to defuse the situation and get the subject to leave peacefully.

I (Seyler) was contacted by Jim Henderson of Amoeba Music who said he was very impressed with our Officers and wanted to reward them in some way. I assured him that his thanks were more than enough. Nevertheless, Jim sent over \$25.00 gift certificates for Officers Mooney, Ortiz, and Parra, and for me as well. We discussed this and agreed that we did not feel comfortable accepting this and yet did not want to insult Mr. Henderson.

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We asked Jim if we could have the certificates changed over to some PAL kids. He did us one better and offered to provide an additional two certificates so that six kids could participate. Andrews VP Bill Farrar then whipped out his famous blackberry and started sending a flurry of messages to corporate HQ. The end result is that Andrews matched Amoeba's generous contribution and doubled the certificates to \$50.00 for each kid.

On 3-3-08, we met with LAPD PAL Officer Eddy Limon and his PAL kids at Amoeba Music. Jim Henderson and his staff welcomed the group providing T-shirts and shopping for the kids. Our Officers got to meet the kids and it was a positive experience for all concerned.

In our efforts here, we have moved far beyond a strict enforcement strategy. We feel this type of interaction demonstrates our desire to be viewed as not merely a security service provider, but rather as a full partner in improving the quality of life in this community.

We were invited to attend two LAPD Tactical Planning Meetings for an upcoming anti war protest march that will occur on 3-15-08. They have requested that we participate by having a representative at their Command Post for the day of the event. We also have two teams coming in early to sweep the route of the march looking for any weapons caches or suspicious items that might be used by people seeking to cause a disturbance during the protest.

As always, we continue to join with as many parties and agencies with the shared goal of improving this community. To that end, Joe Salazar and I attended the following meetings.

- 1) 2-13-08 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 2-14-08 YIMBY Outreach Meeting
- 3) 2-14-08 Joint BID Security Committee Meeting
- 4) 2-21-08 Hollywood and Highland Retail Meeting
- 5) 2-26-08 CPAB Outreach Meeting
- 6) 2-26-08 LAPD Tactical Planning-Protest March
- 7) 2-27-08 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 3-4-08 YIMBY Outreach Meeting
- 9) 3-7-08 LAPD Tactical Planning Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

During this period, we conducted a mini clothing drive, collecting ten large bags of clothing from Andrews International employees. We took

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the clothing to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament for distribution to the needy.

PATH called and advised us that formally homeless woman Nicole Lowenthaze was placed in permanent housing at the Commonwealth Board and Care. This elderly woman used to sleep on the sidewalk at Sunset and Vine. We have spoken of Nicole at length in the past.

Last week I attended the HHYP Outreach meeting being held at the YMCA. After the meeting, I took a tour of the Brighter Future facility there. It is a transitional 22-bed housing program for single women and mothers. We will add this to our growing list of available resources in the BID areas.

We continued having numerous contacts with chronic homeless subject Torry Bohannon. We assisted LAPD as they contacted him at 6561 Hollywood Blvd. as he was there with his pants down. We have made countless contacts and have attempted to get him to agree to going into a shelter.

Kerry Morrison has also been making contacts with Bohannon. She called us and advised that Bohannon had agreed to go to the shelter for a shower. I responded to his location as Kerry and the PATH Outreach Team arrived. Kerry accompanied the PATH Team and they took Torry to the shelter where they gave him a shower and washed his clothing. He did not want to stay and they returned him to Hollywood Blvd.

We later received another call from Kerry Morrison. She said that Torry had agreed to go into a PATH shelter. She said they had a bed for him but no transportation available. I responded to 6651 Hollywood Blvd. along with one of our teams. We found Torry sitting in an alcove eating a pizza provided by Kerry, who was standing by in the pouring rain with almost her entire staff. We loaded Torry into our vehicle and took him to the PATH shelter on Fernwood.

Torry stayed the night but then returned to Hollywood Blvd. The effort continues.

In February, we received a radio call to respond to the Audrey Café regarding Robert Banker. I responded along with one of our teams. Banker was lying on the sidewalk at 1723 Las Palmas which is very close to the doorway and outdoor seating for the Café. Banker was covered in feces and urine. The sidewalk was also covered. Feces were all over Banker's clothing and blankets.

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Banker could not get up, so our Officers put on gloves and lifted him into his wheelchair. There was a huge amount of feces and other waste on the sidewalk. We called Clean Streets and they responded and steam cleaned the area and removed the debris. We offered to attempt to help Banker get off the street and into a shelter. We have made this offer on hundreds of occasions but he refused. We had convinced him to go into a Veteran's Administration Shelter once in the past, but he did not stay.

Banker is a health hazard and a danger to himself and others. The nearby business owners are very frustrated with the situation. We called on LAPD unit 6FB1 (Rose/Gonzales) and they responded. They then called the Veterans Administration and insisted that they respond. After much negotiation, they responded. We helped load Banker into their van. Clean Streets were called again as more fecal matter fell to the sidewalk during the loading. They steam cleaned the area again and removed all the hazardous material and waste from the scene. We cleared the scene at about 1:00 P.M. We were there for 3 ½ hours, but it was time well spent. Another win win situation as Bob was taken to a safe and clean place where he could be cared for and the quality of life was improved for all parties.

### **TRENDS:**

Attached is the year-to-date statistics for both BIDS. These results reflect the first ten weeks of 2008.

In the Hollywood BID, we have made a total of 198 arrests. One hundred and thirteen were for drinking in public, 22 for urinating in public, 21 for misdemeanor drugs, 18 for trespass, 2 for battery, 1 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 3 for vandalism, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 13 for various felonies.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 133 arrests. Fifty nine were for drinking in public, 21 for urinating in public, 7 for misdemeanor drugs, 5 for trespass, 1 for battery, 4 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 31 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 4 for various felonies.

The combined totals are 331 arrests. We also made a combined total of 387 referrals, provided extra patrol to 1037 locations, made 983 citizen contacts, handled 389 radio calls for service, and made 928 business contacts.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

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Our basic deployment in both BIDS has been to cover 6:00 A.M. until 8:30 P.M. on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we cover from 10:00 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.

After reviewing data collected through our Pin Map computer program, we learned that Sunday is our least productive day for enforcement and other activities. This is also the one day where we only cover an eight hour period. We have made the commitment that we will continue to explore any strategies that can improve our effectiveness with the manpower available.

To this end, we have moved two teams from Sunday and added a team to both Thursday and Friday nights when we are far busier. This still leaves three teams and a supervisor to cover Sunday. We have only implemented this on week ending 03-02-08 and do not have enough data yet to determine if this change will be beneficial. We will monitor and continue to adjust our deployments to achieve maximum impact in the BID areas.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

Our Officers assisted LAPD who were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle heading westbound on Hollywood Blvd. The suspect crashed the car near McCadden and ran off on foot. Our Officers chased and tackled the suspect who was then turned over to LAPD. He was booked for grand theft auto. We later received a call from LAPD Narcotics Sgt. Rippe. He thanked us for our assistance and said that Bullock had confessed to numerous auto thefts in the area.

We received a radio call at CCS Checks Cashed (6565 Hollywood Blvd.) from manager Luis Santos. Upon arrival we arrested a suspect for forgery (470 PC).

During this period, LAPD Detectives advised that they were trying to identify a robbery suspect that had been wearing a red shirt with a skeleton on the front. One of our Officers remembered a prior arrest and started reviewing our data base of suspect photographs. He then found a photograph and arrest report for a suspect who is seen wearing a red sweatshirt with a skeleton design. We had arrested him on 01-22-08 for drinking in public.

The information was provided to LAPD who were able to make a positive identification. The Detective told me that the suspect had been identified as being a suspect in a robbery that occurred on 01-27-08 and another on 02-17-08.

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**TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received both live fire and FATS firearms training at our Burbank training facility. Officers also received training on driving safety and were required to take and pass a test on the material covered.